

Empty alcohol bottles, other litter taking sheen off city's parks as tipplers gather in public spaces in the absence of CCTV surveillance or police patrol

TIME TO LEAVE THE PARTY

Problem persists in some neighbourhoods despite complaints, allege residents

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Citizens are concerned about roads, footpaths, and parks turning into makeshift 'open bars'. Spaces outside or even inside parks lacking CCTV surveillance and caretakers are becoming hotspots for merry-makers. Broken bottles and other litter left behind pose dangers to residents, children, and pets alike.

Instances of such misuse have been reported, particularly near parks in areas like Indiranagar, Koramangala, and Jayanagar. In these areas, groups are said to gather late at night to drink in the open and, at times, even engage in fights. Residents BM spoke to said they often feel unsafe when on their evening walks, they encounter empty bottles and other waste scattered around, other than it taking away from the park's appeal. 'We report to the police but the

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Estonian folk music

Immerse yourselves in a mesmerising evening of Estonian folk music featuring Puuluup, a talented duo from Estonia. 2024 Eurovision finalists, Puuluup consists of Ramo Teder (also known as Pastacas) and Marko Veisson. They perform with the Hiiu Kannel (also called Talharpa), a traditional Nordic bowed lyre from Estonia and Finland. Puuluup blends the sounds of the Talharpa with electronic elements, creating a musical style that bridges the past with the present. **Where:** Indian Music Experience Museum **When:** October 13, 7pm

02 Sculpting workshop



Join in for a sculpting workshop 'When 90 Degrees is not the "Right Angle"' by Sculptor Kalyan S Rathore, a Guinness World Record-holding sculptor. This workshop explores the shapes, patterns,

and forms present in design, art, and architecture and aims to encourage the participants to see the world from a geometric perspective. Attendees will also get an in-depth look at his creative process, breaking down his artworks and discovering the abstract and mathematical thinking behind them. **Where:** Roastea-Curated Coffee and Tea Artisans, Koramangala; **When:** October 12, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

03 Colours & rhythms



Put on your fashionable traditional attire and experience a fun-filled festive atmosphere in a night of dazzling colours and a vibrant celebration of culture, music, and dance at Nexus Koramangala Mall's 'Dandiya Night.' The event will feature special surprises and an opportunity to win amazing prizes. This beloved festival promises an evening filled with joy, excitement, and unforgettable experiences. **Where:** Nexus Koramangala Mall; **When:** October 12, 7 pm onwards

100+ Hopcoms outlets shut down in Bengaluru

Multiple closures of crucial marketing system for horticultural products adversely impact Bengaluru's farm-to-consumer supply chain; officials are hinting at reopening outlets soon

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Before the farm-to-fork supply chain models could take off, the Horticulture Department's ambitious Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) had already established itself as a key supplier of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables to Bengaluru residents, gaining widespread popularity. However, over time, due to losses, lack of infrastructure, dwindling staff numbers, and the lack of interest from officials, the number of outlets in Bengaluru has dropped from 316 to around 200, including mobile vans. This has adversely affected both farmers and consumers.

Hopcoms was established to provide an alternative system that could prevent the exploitation of farmers and consumers by middlemen, offering a structured marketing system for horticultural products. The organisation operates in Bengaluru city, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Ramanagar, and Chikkaballapur districts.

Steady decline in outlets

Sources said that over the past five to six years, Hopcoms outlets have seen a steady decline. The process of procuring fruits

and vegetables directly from farmers and supplying them to consumers has significantly slowed down. Despite the long-standing challenges, the Horticulture Department has not taken any steps to revive these outlets. In some areas of the city, outlets have been shut down due to road widening, flyover construction, metro work, or the building of high-rise complexes. In other areas, outlets have been closed due to a lack of necessary staff. "We are seeing at least a couple of outlets shutting down month after month. Except for a few hires for backlog positions seven or eight years ago, Hopcoms has not recruited staff for several years," said a Hopcoms official.

Closed outlets may be reopened

According to the official, the organisation, which once had 900 employees a decade ago, now operates with only 360. Of these, many are nearing retirement, and some are facing health issues. Consequently, several outlets have been forced to suspend operations. "In light of the ongoing staff shortage, the Horticulture Department has granted permission to hire 50 staff members on a contract basis for a period of 11 months. A tender was issued two months ago, and orders have been given to contractors, though the re-



File photo of a man shopping for groceries from one of the Hopcoms outlets in the city

cruitment process is still pending. Once the necessary staff are hired, the closed outlets will be reopened, and new outlets will be established in other high-demand areas." When contacted, Jayaprakash, General Manager at Hopcoms said, "Several Hopcoms outlets have been shut for various reasons. Currently, we are in the process of hiring 50 staff members on a contract basis and will soon reopen the outlets."

Reacting to this, Deva Prakash, a long-time customer of Hopcoms stated that he believes its revival lies in modernising its operations and reconnecting with the community. "By improving supply chain efficiency, embracing digital platforms for home delivery, and ensuring quality produce, Hopcoms can regain its position as the trusted

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— Jayaprakash, General Manager at Hopcoms

source for fresh fruits and vegetables in Bengaluru. Collaborating with local farmers to promote farm-to-fork initiatives would strengthen its core mission. Additionally, expanding outlets in high-demand areas and maintaining consistent pricing could attract more consumers," he said. "With the right strategy, Hopcoms can once again become the go-to choice for fresh, affordable produce," Prakash added.

Students flock to K-education fair in huge numbers

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With the phenomenon of K-Pop and K-Drama having taken over the world, there has also been a surge of students aspiring to pursue higher education in Korea. Backing this, a large number of students attended the Korea Chungbuk Education Fair organised on Tuesday and Wednesday at Hyatt Centric, Hebbal.

A student who attended the fair explained their attraction to Korean culture and said, "It's the cute outfits, delicious food, beautiful places, and the innovation that has inspired me to pursue education there. Beyond

Many students, inspired by K-wave, are expressing their interest in studying in Korea

that, many idols study and work simultaneously, often at our age in their 20s. It makes me curious about how they manage it all, but they clearly follow a disciplined lifestyle. I also feel that, while it's an expensive city, it offers good earning potential."

Another student stated that in Korea, everyone is treated equally. "The government has implemented a daily wage policy for part-time work. They place a strong emphasis on hard



work, and the education system is extensive, allowing us to pursue our paths in the exact directions we aim for. Moreover, they have 100% scholarships, which makes it easier for an Indian student to study there and has become one of the motivations for us to study. Apart from that, it's also about food and concerts, which makes me want to go there."

Many students, inspired by

the Korean culture, arts, food, advanced technology, and entertainment like K-dramas, K-pop etc, are expressing their interest in studying in Korea. According to a student whose friend is already studying in the country, universities in South Korea, such as Seoul National University and Yonsei University, have seen an influx of international students driven by this passion for Korean culture.



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BBMP builds 634 recharge wells to catch rain in parks

Officials aim to capture rainwater and boost groundwater levels for sustainable water supply

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As the City is experiencing rainfall, the civic agency is trying to tap the rainwater and boost groundwater. So far, 634 recharge wells have been constructed in parks across BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) limits. These wells are designed to capture rainwater and prevent its wastage. BBMP's Special Commissioner Preeti Gehlot said, "BBMP has identified 1,280 parks within its jurisdiction, and the Horticulture Department is systematically constructing recharge wells in phases in parks where it is feasible. As of the 2024-25 fiscal year, 634 recharge wells have already been completed, and plans are in place to construct 1,000 wells in various parks. To ensure maximum water absorption and conservation, each recharge well is built with dimensions of 12 feet in length and five feet in width, with a capacity to collect approximately 4,000 litres of rainwater. This initiative aims to recharge groundwater in the parks themselves. The recharge wells are built with a scientific approach, incorporating iron mesh at the entry point to prevent debris from entering. This ensures that around 80% of rainwater reaches the well. A four-foot cement ring with a 12x5-foot diameter is installed, surrounded by 40mm gravel, creating a sturdy and effective structure for rainwater collection," Gehlot said.

Boosting groundwater levels

Gehlot said BBMP aims to ensure that rainwater is absorbed locally, preventing runoff and increasing groundwater levels within the parks



Each recharge well can collect around 4,000 litres of rainwater for optimal absorption and conservation

by constructing these recharge wells. Meanwhile, she announced that cleaning activities were initiated today in eight lakes under BBMP's jurisdiction. She instructed officials to implement effective and systematic cleaning of all lakes under the BBMP, ensuring proper maintenance. As part of this initiative, lakes in all BBMP zones, including Amruthahalli, Koudenahalli, and Byrasandra, are being inspected and cleaned. Gehlot visited these lakes to oversee the operations and urged officials to intensify their efforts.

The cleaning drive includes tasks such as maintaining cleanliness around the lake's footpaths, removing

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—Preeti Gehlot, BBMP

ing weeds, cleaning the inflow areas, and ensuring the removal of silt from the water.

Week-long cleaning drive

The cleaning campaign is set to continue throughout the week, with a significant increased staff and equipment deployed to ensure thorough cleaning of the lakes. Preeti Gehlot emphasised that additional person-

nel have been assigned to ensure the effectiveness of the operation. "The cleaning operations were conducted in eight lakes within the BBMP's eight zones. The lakes include Lower Bhairasandra, Nayandanahalli, Gowdanapalya, Koudenahalli, Dorekere, Agara, Amruthahalli, Chokkasandra, and Ullal. The operations involved 175 personnel, 13 tractors, and four JCB machines," she added.

Doddakallasandra Lake at risk from 'illegal' work

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Regular walkers and local activists at Doddakallasandra Lake have raised concerns over recent digging and pipeline-laying activities that began a few days ago. Residents are anxious about a repeat of a similar incident from 2019 when unauthorised work by a nearby multi-complex apartment attempted to divert water into the lake.

Activist Raghavendra Pachhapur has raised alarms, suggesting that the current pipeline work may be connected to the same apartment complex that previously attempted to send untreated water to the lake. "Currently, there are many players who need water. Local villagers are struggling with decreased groundwater levels, and we suspect that the

nearby apartment may be initiating work to connect their pipelines to the wetland, sending wastewater to the lake," Pachhapur explained.

Pachhapur criticised the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for its apparent lack of awareness regarding the developments. "The surprising part is that BBMP is not aware of what is happening at the lake. When we inquire, they respond that they will look into it. After we alerted them, BBMP confirmed that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) was carrying out work without proper authorisation," he said.

He emphasised the importance of transparency, stating, "If BBMP lakes are to be treated as custodians, any work conducted must receive their approval. Monthly water quality reports should be shared with the public, and the past year's water quality tests must also be available



Recent digging activity to lay pipelines

for scrutiny."

Soundararajan from the Doddakallasandra Lake Protection Committee (DLPC) also raised concerns stating, "We immediately raised alarms when we saw the digging started and made efforts to stop it. However, the pipelines have already been laid halfway. This lake is rich in biodiversity, hosting over 125 bird species. We need to protect it by constantly monitoring and preventing unauthorised work."

Usha Rani, Assistant Engineer of the BBMP Lakes Department, clarified the situation, "Currently, BWSSB has been carrying out works at the lake, including a sewage diversion channel approved by our department. However, the new pipeline work to send treated water to the lake was done without BBMP's permission. Once we were alerted, we instructed them to stop the work, there is no ongoing activity."

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Pipeline issues Jayanagar



Residents of New Guruppanpalya, near Jayanagar 4th Main Road, have been facing problems for four months due to ongoing pipeline work.



5 ways to incorporate sustainable fashion into your wardrobe

In a world increasingly focused on sustainability, it's time to transform your wardrobe and make conscious fashion choices. By integrating sustainable fashion into your wardrobe, you can make a stylish statement while supporting ethical practices within the industry. Gunjal Jindal Poddar, founder of Amala Earth, shares five easy steps to infuse sustainability into your wardrobe.

Timeless appeal

Building a wardrobe with timeless appeal forms the foundation of sustainable fashion. Opt for classic designs made from natural materials that withstand the test of time. By investing in versatile garments that transcend trends, you reduce the need for frequent purchases and cultivate a sustainable and enduring personal style.

Responsibly sourced

The fabrics we wear have a significant impact on the environment. When adding new items to your collection, opt for fabrics that have minimal environmental footprint. Look for organic cotton, hemp, linen clothing, or bamboo, which are grown without harmful chemicals and

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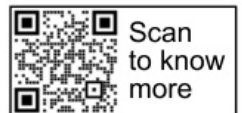
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BDA fake document scam: Five arrested

Several officials were also implicated for failing to check documents

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The Seshadripuram police have arrested five individuals involved in a case of forgery and attempted fraud against the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA). The arrests followed a complaint lodged by BDA Deputy Superintendent of Police P Mallesh, who alleged that the accused submitted fake documents to claim compensation of ₹70 crore for a property.

The investigation revealed that the accused attempted to settle a property belonging to Moodlappa by creating fictitious documents, falsely claiming to be relatives of the original owner. This involved the manipulation of records related to six acres of land in Challaghatta. The arrested individuals have been identified as Srinivas, Nagaraj, Ravikumar, Bharat, and Swamy. Nagaraj is currently in police custody for further questioning, while the others have been remanded to judicial custody.

The case has also implicated several officials from the BDA and the Revenue Department. Notices have been issued to relevant authorities, including Tehsildar and Land Acquisition Officers, as part of the investigation. Some officials were reportedly unreachable..

Traffic violations in East Bengaluru

The Traffic Police of East Division carried out a series of special operations, focusing on violations such as driving in the wrong direction, illegal parking, footpath parking, and triple-riding. Over two days, the operations led to the registration of more than 580 cases and the collection of Rs 2.91 lakh in fines. On October 7, a total of 304 cases were registered, and Rs 1.52 lakh in fines



was collected; on October 8, 278 cases were filed, with fines amounting to Rs 1.39 lakh.

Gang war erupts during Ganesha procession

A violent clash between two rival factions broke out during the Ganesha idol immersion procession recently near Raghavendra Block. The incident unfolded when Praveen, a known offender linked to the KG Nagar Police Station, took part in the

FILES Nagar, who questioned Praveen's presence in the area which provoked him. The situation escalated when Praveen alerted another individual, who arrived with a gang armed with cricket bats, sparking a street brawl between rival factions. Hanumantha Nagar Police have arrested six men involved in the clash.

ED files charges in Valmiki Corporation Scam

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Special Court for MPs and MLAs in connection with the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation scam. The court has taken cognizance of the complaint, which names B Nagendra, MLA and former Minister for Scheduled Tribal Affairs, as the key accused and mastermind behind the scam.

The ED's investigation, initiated based

on FIRs filed by the Karnataka Police and CBI, uncovered that Rs 89.62 crore was diverted from the Corporation's accounts into fake accounts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, before being laundered through shell entities.

Man killed in domestic dispute

A man reportedly died following an alleged attack by his wife and son in Thotadagudadahalli. The incident occurred when Muniraju returned home intoxicated at 11:30 PM on October 7, leading to a confrontation with his wife, Geetha.

The situation quickly spiralled out of control, with Geetha and their son Hemanth allegedly assaulting Muniraju. Muniraju collapsed during the altercation and was rushed to Hospital but his condition worsened, and he passed away in the early hours of October 9. Both Geetha and Hemanth have been taken into custody, and the investigation is ongoing.

Painter's suspected suicide tied to theft

Mohan Kumar, a 45-year-old painter, was found dead near Jakkur Double Road on Tuesday, where he is suspected to have taken his life by slitting his throat. Police allegedly suspect that Kumar may have taken this step following the arrest of his brother-in-law in connection with a theft case. Stolen items were reportedly found in Kumar's residence after police interrogated the accused.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police VJ Sajeet, Kumar's wife has filed a complaint alleging that they received threatening calls from an unidentified individual concerning the stolen items. The incident follows a quarrel between Kumar and the complainant, who had confronted him about the theft. Police officials are looking into whether this altercation and the ensuing threats contributed to Kumar's decision to take his life.

HC quashes FIR registered under repealed CrPC

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that it is incorrect for the police to register an FIR under the repealed Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) from July 1, 2024, onward, coinciding with the implementation of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The complaint was filed by the victim on July 1, 2024, alleging rape and cheating.

In the case heard by Justice K Natarajan at the Kalaburagi bench, the court quashed an FIR registered against the petitioner, Arunkumar, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on July 1, 2024. "However, the complaint filed by the de-facto complainant is retained and remitted back to the police to register the FIR under Section 173 of BNSS and proceed to investigate the matter under BNSS and file a final report under Section 193 of BNSS," the court said.

The petitioner-accused claimed that the alleged offences took place before June 30, 2024, before the BNSS came into effect. However, the complaint was registered on July 1, after the repeal of the CrPC, making it impossible for the police to file the FIR under the old provisions. The police argued that this was the first FIR registered after the BNSS began and that the mention of the CrPC was a technical error due to difficulties in updating their computer system. They added that the FIR could be amended upon the Magistrate's request and that the investigation was proceeding under Section 176 of the BNSS.

The bench referred to Section 358(2) of the BNSS, which states that any right accrued, liability acquired, or obligation suffered before the commencement of the BNSS would be governed by the IPC (Indian Penal Code). The court noted that since the alleged offences were committed before July 1, 2024, the police should have registered the FIR under the IPC and not the BNSS. In response to the argument that the police should have registered the FIR under Section 173 of the BNSS, the court noted that the savings clause in Section 531(2)(a) of the BNSS did not apply, as no appeal, application, trial, or investigation was pending before the BNSS commenced. The court concluded that the FIR should have been registered under Section 173 of the BNSS. The court dismissed the prosecution's argument that the defect could be rectified, asserting that the FIR is a fundamental document that initiates legal proceedings and serves as the basis for police investigations. It ruled that investigating a matter under Section 176 of the BNSS is not permissible for an FIR registered under Section 154 of the CrPC after the BNSS came into effect on July 1, 2024.

Consequently, the court quashed the FIR, stating that since the basic foundation itself was incorrect, the police did not have the power to investigate the case under Section 176 of the BNSS. — BMB



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New CM talk, new name

Though the Congress High Command is yet to recover from the Haryana shocker and focus on the change of leadership in Karnataka, the demand for a Dalit Chief Minister continues to gain momentum if the incumbent Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation becomes inevitable due to the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam.

The meeting of Karnataka Minister for Public Works and Belagavi district in-charge minister Satish Jarkiholi and All India Congress Committee president M Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Thursday and a recent meeting between Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, a Dalit leader have caused a buzz among Congress leaders on the change of leadership in Karnataka. It is believed that Satish Jarkiholi and Mallikarjun Kharge have discussed the plan to ensure a SC/ST candidate becomes the Chief Minister in the event of the incumbent Chief Minister being asked to quit.

Some Congress leaders speculate that KH Muniyappa, a member of the Dalit left community, could have the opportunity to become Chief Minister if he secures the support of the Congress High Command. Muniyappa, who has been elected as an MP from Kolar for seven terms and previously served as Union Minister of State, will need to relocate to Devanahalli to contest in the 2023 State Assembly elections. However, several Congress leaders expressed concerns that Muniyappa may face challenges within the party due to internal opposition.

However, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies KH Muniyappa said that the CM's post is not vacant now and there is no question of aspiring to become the CM. "As of now, Siddaramaiah is the CM. I have been telling people, including the media, that the CM's chair is not vacant. I will be one of the aspiring candidates if such a situation arises. It will depend on Congress's High Command. I will abide by Congress High Command's decision," said Muniyappa.

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Ola shocker: No concern over 'electrifying' vehicle, says customer

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A woman's excitement of purchase was soon brought down in disappointment upon discovering an issue with her new electric two-wheeler. Geethika Abhilekh, a homemaker, bought an Ola S1 Pro (Gen 2) from the Ola Centre in Frazer Town on June 24, 2024. She was elated at the thought of easy school drop/pickups for her two children.

However, what had felt like the beginning of something wonderful quickly turned into a source of frustration as a troubling part issue emerged within two days of purchase. She then took the vehicle to the Ola Experience Centre at Indiranagar to fix the issue. "There were no issues for a few days. However, on July 19, when my elder son tried to start the scooter, it sparked, resulting in him receiving an electric shock. Subsequently, when our security guard attempted to start it, he received a severe electric shock that caused him to fall to the floor,"



read an email by Abhilekh to Bhavishh Aggarwal, CEO of Ola.

Abhilekh claimed that she had sent six letters to Ola authorities requesting to fix the problem, receiving no response in return.

"This is my sixth follow-up regarding the electric spark incident with the e-bike we purchased three months ago. Unfortunately, despite my previous communications, I have yet to receive any response from you or your management. Given the potential safety hazards, I believe it is reasonable to expect a prompt and concerned response regarding the issue. As a customer, I am deeply disappointed that neither you nor your management have shown any initiative in addressing our safety concerns," the email read.

Abhilekh told BM that her vehicle was sent to Ola Centre at KR Puram and was lying on the road for more than two months. "I received a phone call from one of the employees advising me to take my vehicle. My children are afraid to even touch the vehicle. And to think that it was bought to drop my children at school..." she expressed, stating that despite repeated calls, Subramani Dhandapani, an Ola executive, failed to revert even after assuring us that he would call back within 30 minutes.

Beware! Your kids' 'cool' stunts may land you in trouble

Cops nab wheeling offenders as strict Juvenile Justice Act enforcement begins in city; 16 vehicles seized, 8 minors booked in just 1 week

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The city's traffic police have ramped up their crackdown on reckless stunts, including wheelies, performed by youngsters. With the strict implementation of the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act now in effect, both parents and vehicle owners will be held accountable if minors are caught engaging in these dangerous acts.



Rise in cases

Before the strict enforcement began, there were four cases registered between June and August. However, since the implementation of these measures, 16 vehicles have been seized, leading to the arrest of 10 individuals, eight of whom are minors, in just one week (from September 28 to October 5). In a step to reinforce the safety of all road users, the police have invoked the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, with six of these minors being booked under its provisions.

This stringent approach is part of the city's larger campaign to curb reckless driving behaviours among youngsters who view such stunts as "cool" without realising the grave dangers involved. In addition to the arrested minors, the police are extending penalties to parents and vehicle owners associated with these offences. As a consequence, vehicle owners found permitting their vehicles for these acts will face stringent penalties, and the involved vehicles are being seized.

Senior police officials observed significant negligence on the part of parents, as these cases continue to rise despite

'With the Act now in effect, both parents & vehicle owners will be held accountable'

ongoing awareness efforts. They emphasised that booking cases is the only way to effectively address this issue and instill a sense of caution among youngsters.

Strict enforcement of Juvenile Justice Act

According to officials, the JJ Act is being enforced rigorously to ensure that minors and their guardians are made aware of the consequences of engaging in such risky behaviour. By holding both parents and vehicle owners accountable, the traffic police aim to instill responsibility and prevent further cases of reckless driving.

"We have initiated stricter enforcement of the JJ Act, booking cases where both the parents and vehicle owners are held accountable. If a minor is found under the influence of ganja or other substances, they are booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act," said MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic.

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Police patrolling may help keep eye on miscreants

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situation is still the same," a citizen said.

An RT Nagar resident expressed concerns about the BBMP Citizen's Park near his apartment complex, where miscreants have taken to gathering near the park's wall facing the road. "The BBMP Citizen's Park does not have CCTV surveillance or a caretaker. While there is a watchman, the miscreants occupy the parapet wall along the roadside, causing disturbances for passersby," he said, also expressing frustration over the BBMP app, which he said was unreliable and ineffective.

The parks are also popular spots

for late-night gatherings. Spaces designed for community recreation are now seen as "party spots," deterring families and children from visiting and raising concerns about the upkeep of the parks.

"More frequent Hoysala police patrols, particularly around parks known for these issues, could deter miscreants and bring a sense of safety to the residents in these neighbourhoods," another resident suggested. Despite notifying the police, residents claim the issue persists daily, highlighting the need for a more proactive approach.

Residents also said that installing CCTV cameras at park entrances and exits, maintaining gates that close

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"The BBMP Citizen's Park does not have CCTV surveillance or a caretaker. While there is a watchman, the miscreants occupy the parapet wall along the roadside, causing disturbances for passersby"

—RT Nagar resident

after certain hours, and deploying Hoysala patrol teams on a permanent basis in frequently affected areas could preserve these open spaces for community use.

Frequent police patrolling

"Regular patrols by constables and women officers in parks are crucial to

preventing disturbances caused by miscreants involved in open alcohol consumption, littering, and other disruptive activities. We are implementing twice-daily patrols, including night checks, to help curb these issues," stated a senior police official. Additionally, public announcements have also been made, urging residents to report such disturbances to the police if they encounter them.

In many cases, abandoned vehicles have been found parked in several open parks, and residents have raised concerns over these incidents. Officials also stress the need for CCTV surveillance in parks as part of the ongoing Safe City Project, which includes comprehensive measures to ensure public safety.

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'Under-trials must not be shifted on whim & fancy'

HC asks why was accused being penalised for Darshan's act, and why was he put in Andheri Cell

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The High Court has directed the prison authorities to transfer one of the accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, in which Kannada actor Darshan Thoogdeep Srinivas is also an accused, from the Belagavi Central Prison back to the Central Prison in Bengaluru.

The decision was taken after images of Darshan sitting with other prisoners in the prison, drinking coffee and smoking, circulated. A request was made to the Magistrate to transfer all the accused in the case. Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over a single judge bench, granted the petition by Pradosh S Rao, accused no. 14, and overturned the Magistrate court's order allowing his transfer. The court stated, "Shifting of under-trial prisoners cannot be at the whim and fancy of the prosecution and such orders when sought, the learned Magistrates ought to apply their mind."

The Magistrate court had noted that there was a media publication showing Darshan having tea with a rowdy named Wilson Garden Naga, which could potentially influence witnesses in the case. The petitioner, who was not present in the picture and was held in a separate cell, was also transferred. Moreover, the petitioner's wife discovered that he was being held in an 'Andheri Cell', a dark cell for 15 hours a day, and was forced to sit in front of a camera for eight hours under the pretext of observation, although the prison authorities denied these claims. The Court remarked, "The petitioner is still an under-trial prisoner. Placing an under-trial prisoner in an Andheri Cell is unknown to law, unless grave



Darshan has been shifted to Bellary Central Prison

circumstances ensue."

The prosecution argued it was necessary to send a message to society that the accused were not receiving preferential treatment. However, after reviewing the records, the bench stated, "If shifting had to be at all done, it could be shifting of accused No.2, Darshan, as he who was in the scene, in the company of others. The petitioner who is away in some cell is penalised for the act of accused No.2." The court added, "It is not that the prisoner can choose prison. Once he is housed in a jurisdictional prison, as an under-trial, to shift him to any other prison there must be a cogent reason, and such orders of shifting must bear application of mind."

Citing the Supreme Court's judgment in State of Maharashtra v. Saeed Sohail Sheikh (2012) 13 SCC 192, the court said, "The impugned order is undoubtedly passed without giving any opportunity to the petitioner, the under-trial prisoner to file his objections, if any, nor the order impugned does bear even a semblance of application of mind." The court held, "There was no independent reason to shift the petitioner particularly to an Andheri Cell. It has, therefore, undoubtedly affected the right of the under-trial prisoner..."

Financial misuse cloud over Waqf institution

An FIR has been registered at the Halasuru Gate Police Station in Bengaluru against several officials of the Hazrat Hamid Shah and Hazrat Muhib Shah Khadri Waqf Institution, including the administrator of the institution and former DCP GA Bawa, Joint Secretary Syed Rashid Ahmed, Zaidullah Shareef, Ex-president of CMA association and others.

The complaint was filed by 61-year-old Aalam Pasha, a resident of Indira Nagar, who claims

that the institution's officials have misappropriated significant funds intended for community development and other activities. According to the complaint, the institution, which has been operational under the Waqf Board, generates over Rs 1 crore annually from 128 commercial shops, cooperative banks, college buildings, parking areas, and mosques. The government mandates a 7% revenue share from this income to be paid to the Waqf Board. -BMB



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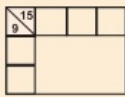
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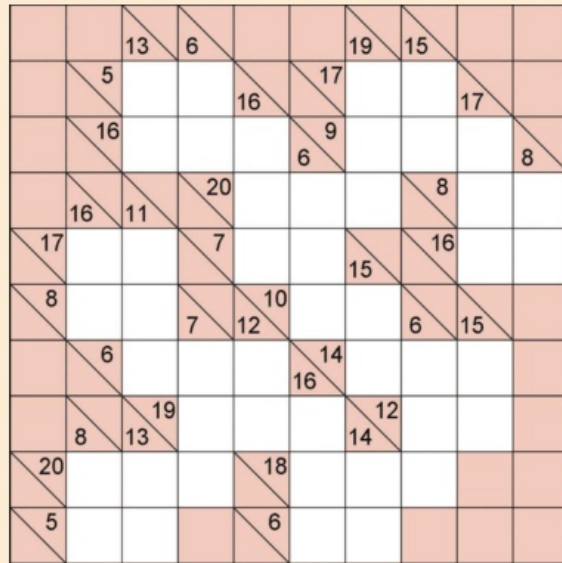
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

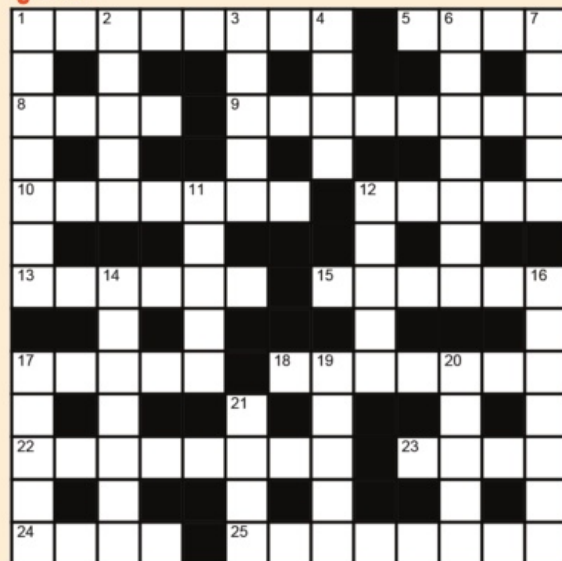


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Molly-coddled or spoiled (8)
- 5 Separate article (4)
- 8 Sturdy trees (4)
- 9 Yorker or inswinger? (8)
- 10 Item of jewellery (7)
- 12 Provide food (5)
- 13 Newborns (6)
- 15 Decimal system? (6)
- 17 Pleasure trip (5)
- 18 Droplet (7)
- 22 Hiding (5,3)
- 23 Nipa palm (4)
- 24 Period of time (4)
- 25 Words of conflicting sense (8)

DOWN

- 1 Adage (7)
- 2 Manufacturer (5)
- 3 Hazardous gas (5)
- 4 Rightly or fittingly (4)
- 6 Small loudspeaker (7)
- 7 City official (5)
- 11 Non reactive (5)
- 12 Formula of belief (5)
- 14 Movie theatre in Gandhi Nagar (7)
- 16 Depreciate or degrade (7)
- 17 Jovial (5)
- 19 Meek and servile, in a way (5)
- 20 Absolute (5)
- 21 As well as (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS H
 RUE'Y JDILO DY D AUIYO WUP
 ONZ DWWVGVDYDNUZ; OV NZ
 UEJA YPANEL UE UEV WDG
 DWYVP DEUYOVP YU WNER
 ONZ USE.



Linemaro

You are my favourite weakness



Mindchow

Politeness has become so rare that some people mistake it for flirtation



Joke of the day

I was at a job interview today. The interviewer said to me: "On your CV, it says that you are a man of mystery." I said, "That's correct." He said, "Would you like to elaborate?" I said, "No."

Loop

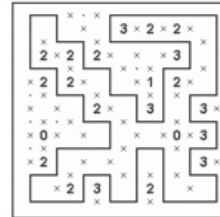
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

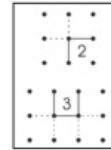
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

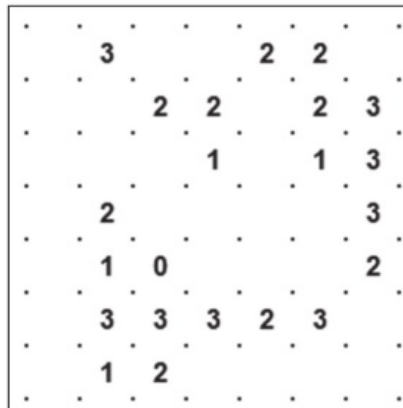
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



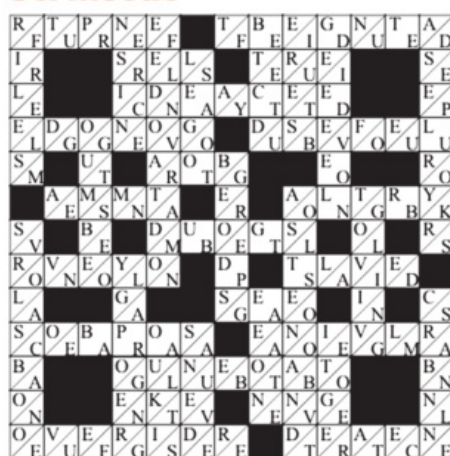
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



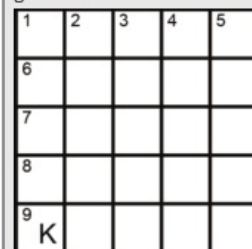
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

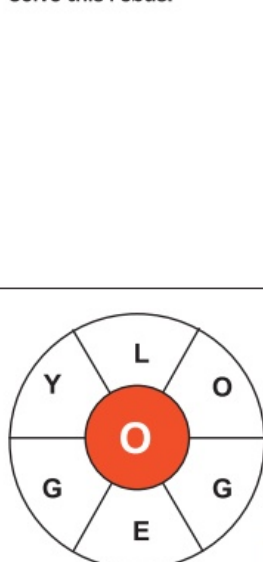
- 1 Tungs; 6 Plane;
- 7 Toe me; 8 A pain;
- 9 Skill

DOWN

- 1 Spake; 2 Pit me;
- 3 Lou in; 4 At LAN;
- 5 L gens

Mensapuzzle

Solve this rebus:



LOVE

Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

$\square \square \square \square = 12$

$\square \square \square \square = 42$

$\square \square \square \square = 42$

$\square \square \square \square = 1$

$\square \square \square \square = 1$

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mirror is missing; 2. Headrest is added; 3. Officer's arm is moved; 4. Pocket is different; 5. Awning is smaller; 6. Shop window is not as wide.

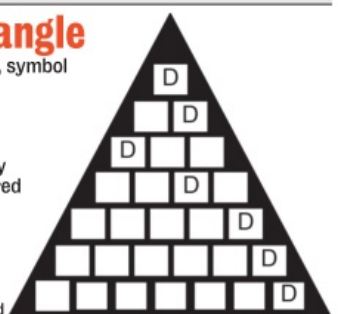
Riddler

What connects these four things?
 Animal, Birthmark, Spy & Unit

Alpha triangle

- 1 Hydrogen isotope, symbol
- 2 Anno Domini
- 3 Bit of paint
- 4 Ordered
- 5 Made a pie
- 6 Refused to comply
- 7 Deliberately ignored (informal)

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you are blessed by the moon; your destiny is likely to be with you. You may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your colleagues may help you, and your hard work may pay you in terms of success. You are likely to go for short work-related travel. You may expect some good news from your sibling(s).

Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be happy; you may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in the domestic life, and you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you in taking some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business or work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may be busy with family matters. You may take some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.

Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may feel peace in the mind. Messy situations are now under control. You may be able to make a proper balance in expenditures and earnings, which may increase your financial health. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking; it may affect your health. Students may start planning for their future. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you may be more spiritual. Your destiny may be with you, and you may expect good gain in your past investments. Bonding with the boss is likely to be improved, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your sibling(s). You are advised to control your harsh speech in love and personal life; it may have a negative effect.

Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You may use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good on the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to get suitable jobs in their domain. Lovebirds may enjoy their dating.

Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may have the good support of your family members. You may also have some expansion in your family business, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to expand your family in terms of a new child, which may improve bonding between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for their higher studies.

Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers; you may also meet some old friends. Your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Natives related to export and import, glamour, and artifacts may perform better. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of study. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may have fixed results. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may make you disappointed. You may have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow filtering yourself. After which, you may feel confident and will be ready to accept challenges around you.

Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may face health issues; last night sleeplessness may have made you mentally tired. You may not be focused at work. You may feel lazy, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless stuff.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless; it may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your running project. You are advised to avoid rash driving and making investments in dead stuff. You are advised to avoid spicy food; you may expect a bad digestive system.

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, dissatisfaction may make you upset. You may not be able to enjoy any single moment of the day. You may lack patience, which may affect your way of working. Silly mistakes may have happened in your way of working. You may also visit some religious places to seek peace. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga.

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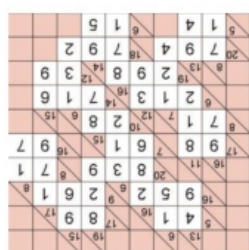
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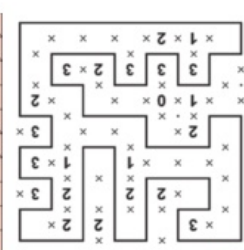
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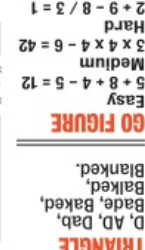
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MENSA PUZZLE



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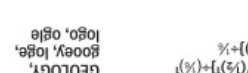
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